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THIS MESSAGE REVIEWS THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND SIGNIFICANT CONTIGUOUS AREAS, LOOKS AHEAD THROUGH SEPTEMBER, AND SUGGESTS HODIFICATION OF THE 1 JULY FORCE STRUCTURE.

HEAVY RAINS BEGIN IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI AND THE

OMZ IN SEPTEMBER AND CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER.

RAIN HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO AFFECT WESTERN THUA

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COMPLETE MAJOR MILITARY UNDERTAKINGS BY SEPTEMBER.



IN NORTHERN MRI IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT WITHIN THE

NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS THE ENEMY WILL UNDERTAKE

MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE HUE AREA AND THE

ARVN FORCES DEFENDING IT. I BELIEVE THIS EFFORT WILL

BE DEFEATED. GENERAL TRUONG IS NOW PLANNING...

OPERATIONS BEGINNING THE LAST DAYS OF JUNE TO

RETAKE QUANG TRI.

- 3. IN THE HIGHLANDS OF MRII, RAINS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN
 TO AFFECT THE TRAFFICABILITY OF ROADS, STREAMS,
 AND FORDS IN THE WESTERN MOUNTAINS. THE ENEMY
 HAS SUSTAINED SEVERE CASUALTIES IN KONTUM. THE
 PLANS IN MRII AS LAID OUT BY PRESIDENT THIEU TO
 GEFERAL TOAN ARE: (1) PUSH THE ENEMY BACK FAR
 ENOUGH TO KEEP FIRE OFF KONTUM CIJY AND THE
 AIRFIELD (2) OPEN KONTUM PASS AND ROUTE 14 (3)
 REINFORCEBINH DINH, AND GET BACK THE THREE
 NORTHERN DISTRICTS.
- 4. WEATHER IN MRIII, THOUGH WET AND MUDDY, WILL NOT HAVE A PROPOUND EFFECT ON MILITARY OPERATIONS.



DECLASSIFIED THE ENEMY IS ADJUSTING HIS DEPLOYMENTS IN COSYN AND IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL FOR THE ARVN TO ADJUST ALSO. IN A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT THIEU AND AMB BUNKER ON 6 JUNE, I EXPLAINED TO PRESIDENT THIEU THAT IN THE CASES OF GENERAL MINH AND GENERAL HAU, THEIR JOBS ARE SIMPLY TOO MUCH FOR THEM: THEY ARE INCAPABLE OF HANDLING THEIR ASSIGNMENTS AND SHOULD BE RELIEVED. PRESIDENT THIEU'S PRIORITIES IN MRIII ARE: (1) OPEN ROUTE 13 (2) RELEASE THE 3RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE SO THAT IT CAN BE REFITTED AND THEN JOIN GEFERAL TRUONG IN MRI (3) RELEASE THE 15TH REGIMENT TO MRIV FOR EMPLOY-MENT IN THE PARROTS BEAK - HIGHWAY 1 AREA (4) RELEASE THE 21ST DIVISION TO MRIV. HIS TENTATIVE THINKING IS THAT THE PARROTS BEAK - HIGHWAY 1, HAU NGHIA, AND LONG AN AREAS WOULD BE UNDER HRIV AFTER THE RETURN OF THE 15TH REGIMENT AND THE 21ST DIVISION. THIS CORRESPONDS WITH THE WAY IN WHICH COSVN APPEARS TO BE HANDLING THE AREA, AND ALSO FITS THE RELATIVE QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP ON OUR SIDE IN MR'S



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SEPTEMBER, AND ERINGING AT LEAST A TEMPORARY HALT
TO ANY SIGNIFICANT MILITARY OPERATIONS FOR ABOUT
TWO MONTHS. THE VIETNAMESE COMMAND IN MRIV
APPEARS TO HE TO BE DEALING WITH ITS PROBLEMS IN
AN EFFECTIVE AND AGGRESSIVE HANNER.



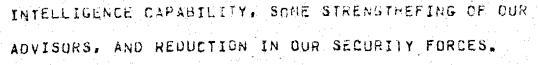
- 6. OVERALL, WE GAVE THE OTHER SIDE A RUNNING START AND HAVE BEEN PLAYING "CATCH-UP" FOR 60 DAYS. THE COMBINATION OF ALL THAT OUR GOVERNMENT HAS DONE AND THAT PRESIDENT THIEU HAS DONE HAS TURNED THAT NOW. SO THAT IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO PLAY. "CATCH-UP." IT IS NOW POSSIBLE. WITH SOME MODEST RISK AND CONTINUED US SUPPORT. TO MOVE AHEAD AND TO HAVE SOUTH VIETNAM IN A SUPERIOR POSITION BY SEPTEMBER.
- 7. THE FOREGOING HAS LED ME TO A REEXAMINATION OF OUR 1 JULY FORCE STRUCTURE HERE TO SEE IF IT

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REPRESENTED THE BEST WE COULD DO IN LIGHT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES NOW PREVAILING, AND THEN TO SEE WHAT WE SOULD DO OVER THE FOLLOWING THREE MONTHS, I AM SUBMITTING BY SEPARATE MESSAGE (REF B) THE SPECIFIC CHANGES I RECOMMEND: I URGE THEIR SPEEDY APPHOVAL. BASICALLY, I WILL RECOMMEND INCREASES TO STRENGTHEN OUR EFFECTIVE USE OF AIR AND MAYAL



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